

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, We hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **RUBBER COMPOSITE CONTAINING IN SITU FORMED FILLER REINFORCEMENT AND ARTICLE, SUCH AS A TIRE, HAVING A COMPONENT COMPRISED THEREOF** the specification of which (check one)

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365 of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status)(patented, pending, abandoned)

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As named inventors, We hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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